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SUBJECT: CALL BY INDIAN CHARGE

- 1. AT HIS INITIATIVE, INDIAN CHARGE GONSALVES CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS MAY 21. INDIAN EMBOFF DHUME AND BROWN (NEA/INS) SAT IN.
- 2. SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DELHI, GONSALVES ASKED WHETHER REFERENCE TO THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST IN SECRETARY'S SAINT LOUIS SPEECH REFLECTED ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION TOWARD INDIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM, AS SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS HAD INTERPRETED SECRETARY'S REMARKS. DUBS RESPONDED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE. U.S. POSITION REMAINS AS STATED BY SECRETARY IN NEW DELHI LAST OCTOBER. GONSALVES WELCOMED THIS CONFIRMATION. DUBS ADDED THAT SECRETARY HAS VOICED U.S. CONCERNS REGARDING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. IN SHORT, U.S. REMAINS OPPOSED TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION BECAUSE OF ADVERSE IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON WORLD STABILITY (REF STATE 11734). CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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3. TURNING TO INDO-PAK RELATIONS, DUBS COMMENTED THAT COMMUNIQUE COVERING RECENTLY CONCLUDED TALKS ON FOREIGN SECRETARY LEVEL SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE ON CIVIL

AVIATION MATTERS. GONSALVES CONCURRED AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT BASIC PROBLEM IN SIMLA TALKS IS DIFFERING VIEWS ON ROLE THAT "OUTSIDERS" (E.G. ICAO) MIGHT PLAY IN RESOLVING BILATERAL PROBLEMS. GONSALVES SAID THAT PAKISTAN HAD UNILATERALY APPEALED TO ICAO FOR RESOLUTION OF BILATERAL PROBLEM WHILE INDIA TOOK POSITION THAT SUCH ACTIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY, IF AT ALL. SPEAKING OFF THE RECORD AND ON THE BASIS OF HIS RECENT TALKS WITH KEWAL SINGH IN NEW YORK, GONSALVES SPECULATED THAT BHUTTO DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE SIMLA AGENDA OPEN AND THEREFORE DOES NOT WANT TO RESOLVE CIVIL AVIATION ISSUES UNTIL HE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS KASHMIR, ON WHICH PAKISTAN IS TACTICALLY OFF-BALANCE AT THE MOMENT DUE TO SHEIKH ABDULLAH'S RECENT MOVES. ON OTHER HAND, INDIA IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS KASHMIR. INGERSOLL

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